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House Speaker Will Weatherford Announces 2014 Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Speaker-designate Steve Crisafulli (R-Merrit Island) to serve as House Majority Leader

Tallahassee, FL – House Speaker Will Weatherford (R-Wesley Chapel) today announced the appointment of Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island) as the Florida House Majority Leader and has released the 2014 chairs and vice chairs of substantive committees for the Florida House of Representatives.

“Speaker-designate Crisafulli has already earned the support of the Republican caucus as a future Speaker; as Majority Leader, he will help to articulate our party’s vision for less government, education reform, low taxes and economic freedom in the next year,” said Weatherford. “I want to thank Leader Precourt for doing a tremendous job in the Majority Office this year and I look forward to his leadership as the new chair of the State Affairs Committee.”

“Under Leader Precourt’s leadership, our members had a great session in 2013, and I’m looking forward to more success in the next year,” said Crisafulli. “I appreciate Speaker Weatherford’s confidence in me and thank him for the opportunity to serve as House Majority Leader.”

Also released today were the 2014 committee chairs and vice chairs.

The few changes to the vice chairs were based on a decision to provide leadership opportunities to a number of freshman legislators. Promoting new members after the first year is a common practice in the Florida House of Representatives.

In addition to the substantive committees, Speaker Weatherford will appoint Representative Jose Oliva to serve as the chair of a newly created select committee on Health Care Workforce Innovation. The Select Committee will investigate health care practitioner workforce needs in Florida and explore policy options for meeting those needs. The Committee will study and



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pursue solutions for ensuring access to the right care in the right setting, including methods for increasing the number of practitioners educated in Florida, allowing practitioners to practice to the full extent of their education and training, and attracting a world-class health care workforce to Florida. Representative Cary Pigman will serve as the vice chair.

Pursuit to House Rules, the Speaker will create the select committee; announce the membership; and assign the jurisdiction, authority, and powers in a memo, which will be released in the next few weeks.

The full committee structure for the Florida House of Representatives will also be released at that time and will be made available on MyFloridaHouse.gov and through the FL House Mobile app. FL House [is available for all iOS and Android devices](#).

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